

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF INDIANA**

At the end of title LI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 51\_\_ . REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY SCHEDULING OF**  
2 **APPOINTMENTS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES OF**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 1706A as section  
7 1706B; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 1706 the following  
9 new section:

10 **“§ 1706A. Management of health care: timely sched-**  
11 **uling of appointments at Department fa-**  
12 **cilities**

13 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING.—In man-  
14 aging the provision of hospital care and medical services  
15 at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
16 under this chapter, the Secretary shall ensure that when-  
17 ever a covered veteran contacts the Department by tele-  
18 phone to request the scheduling of an appointment for

1 care or services for the covered veteran at such a facility,  
2 the scheduling for the appointment occurs during that  
3 telephone call (regardless of the prospective date of the  
4 appointment being scheduled).

5 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
6 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is enrolled  
7 in the system of patient enrollment of the Department  
8 under section 1705(a) of this title.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
10 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking  
11 the item relating to section 1706A and inserting the fol-  
12 lowing new items:

“1706A. Management of health care: timely scheduling of appointments at De-  
partment facilities.

“1706B. Remediation of medical service lines.”.

13 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
14 section (a) shall apply with respect to requests for appoint-  
15 ment scheduling occurring on or after the date that is 120  
16 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

